

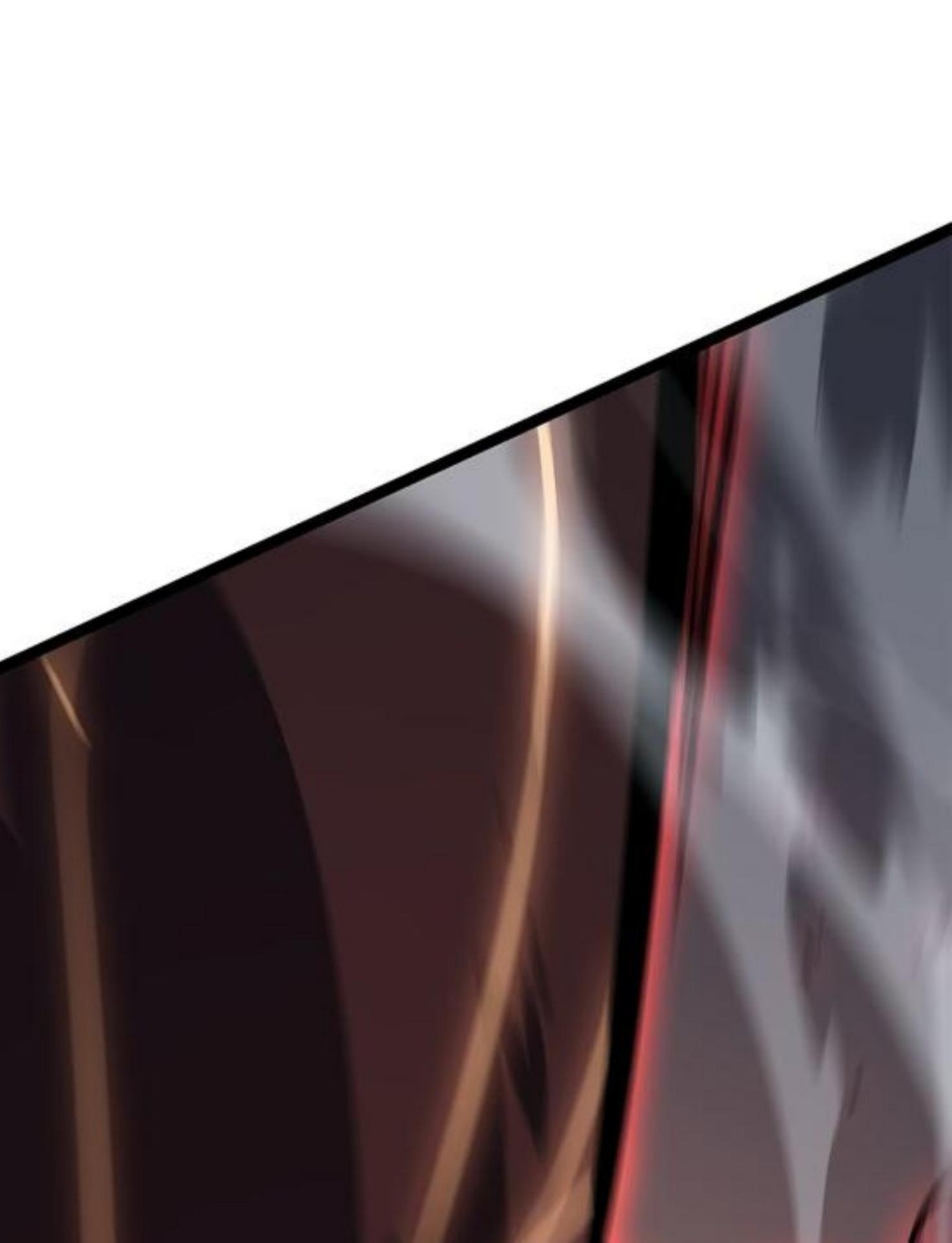
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KAISEL!!

BOOM

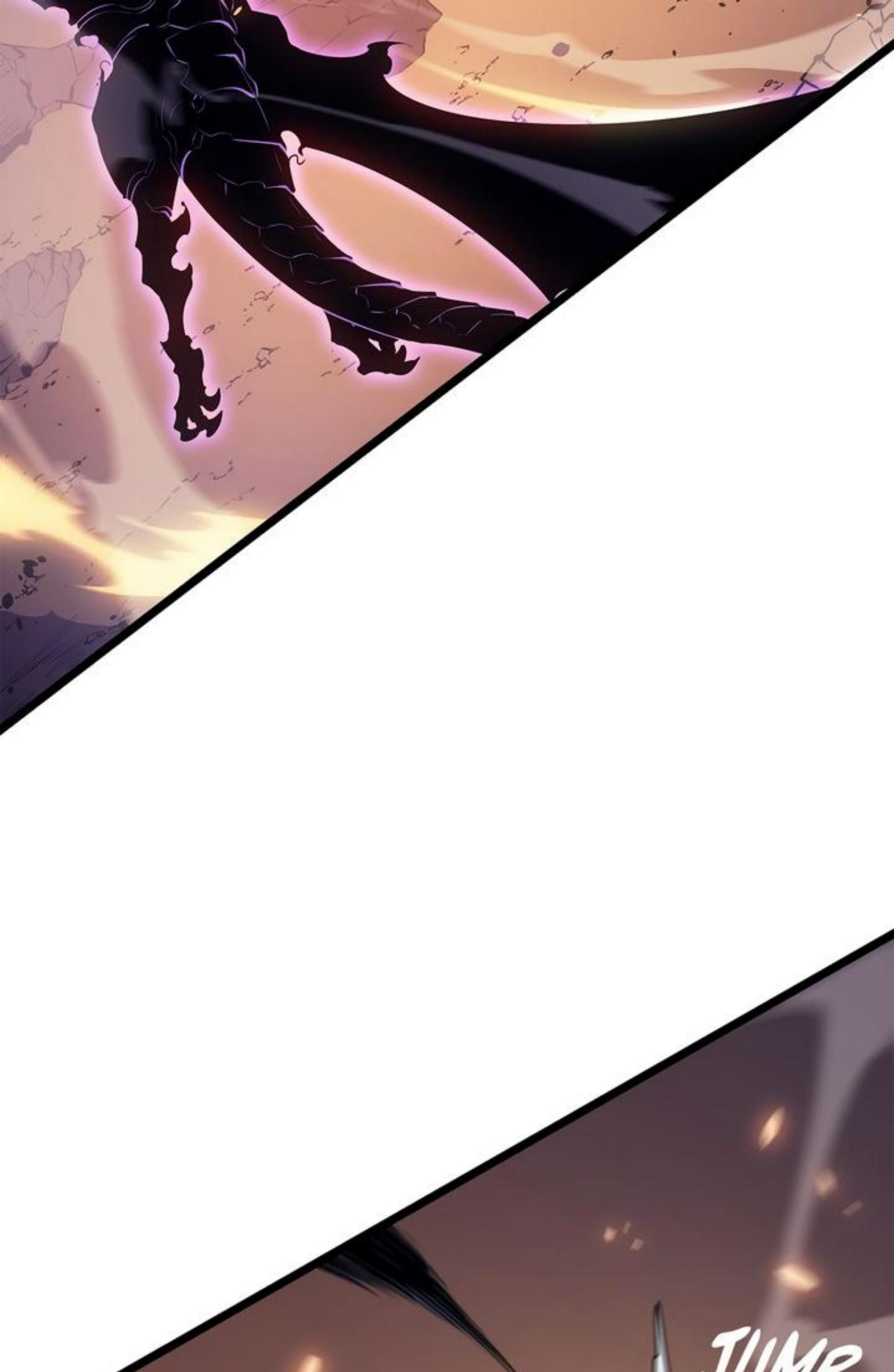
BLAZE

ROOOAR

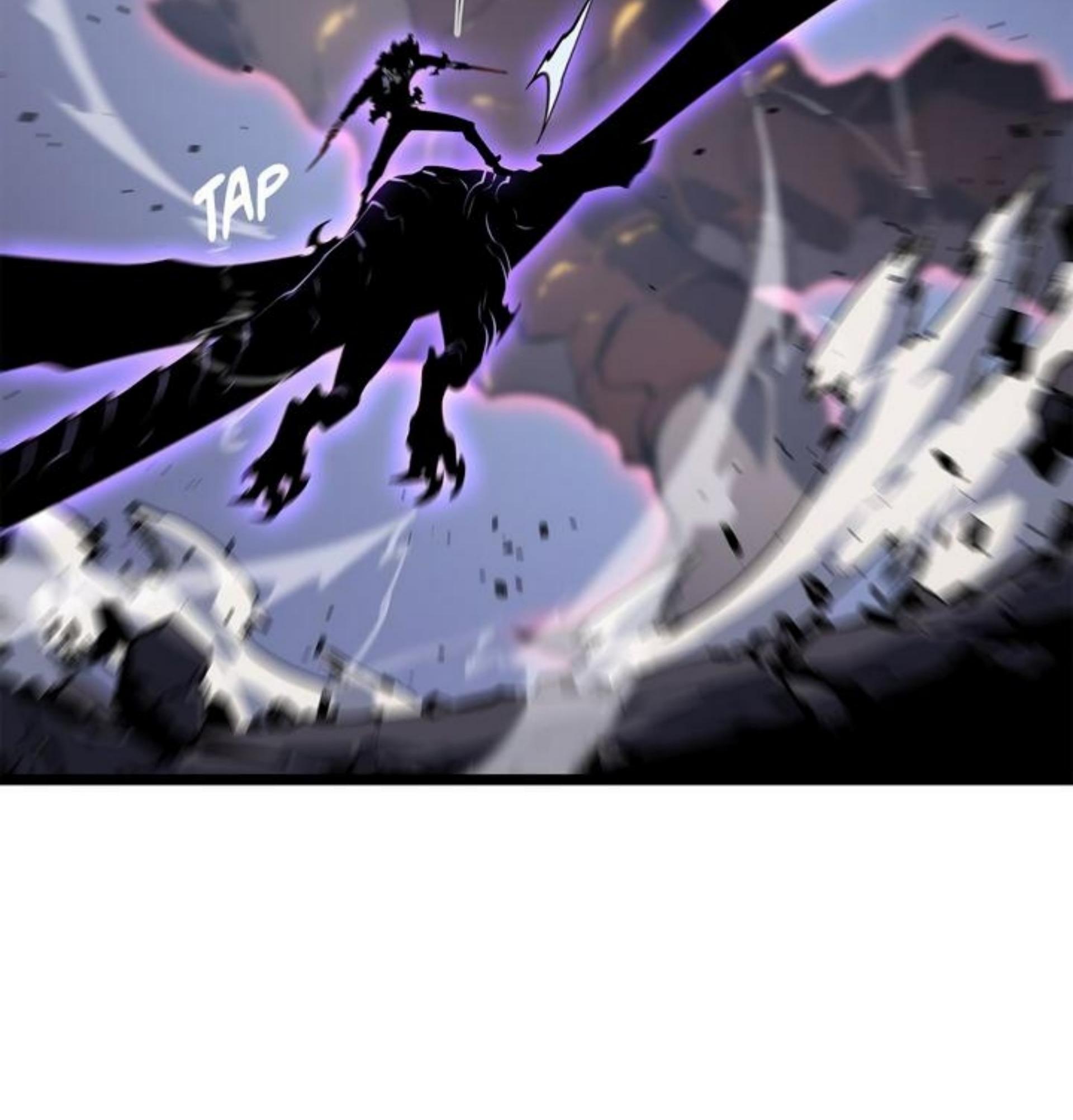


GET DOWN,
KAISEL!



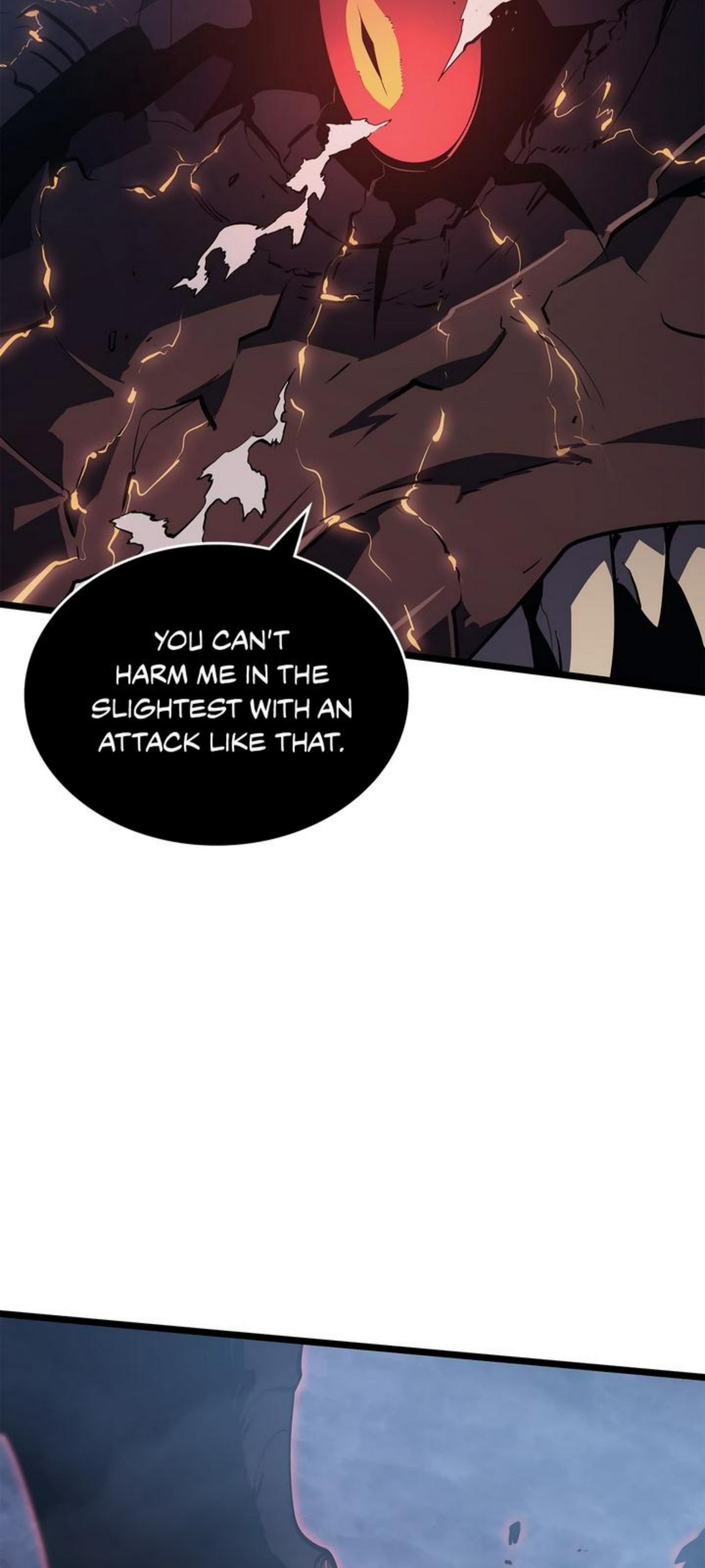




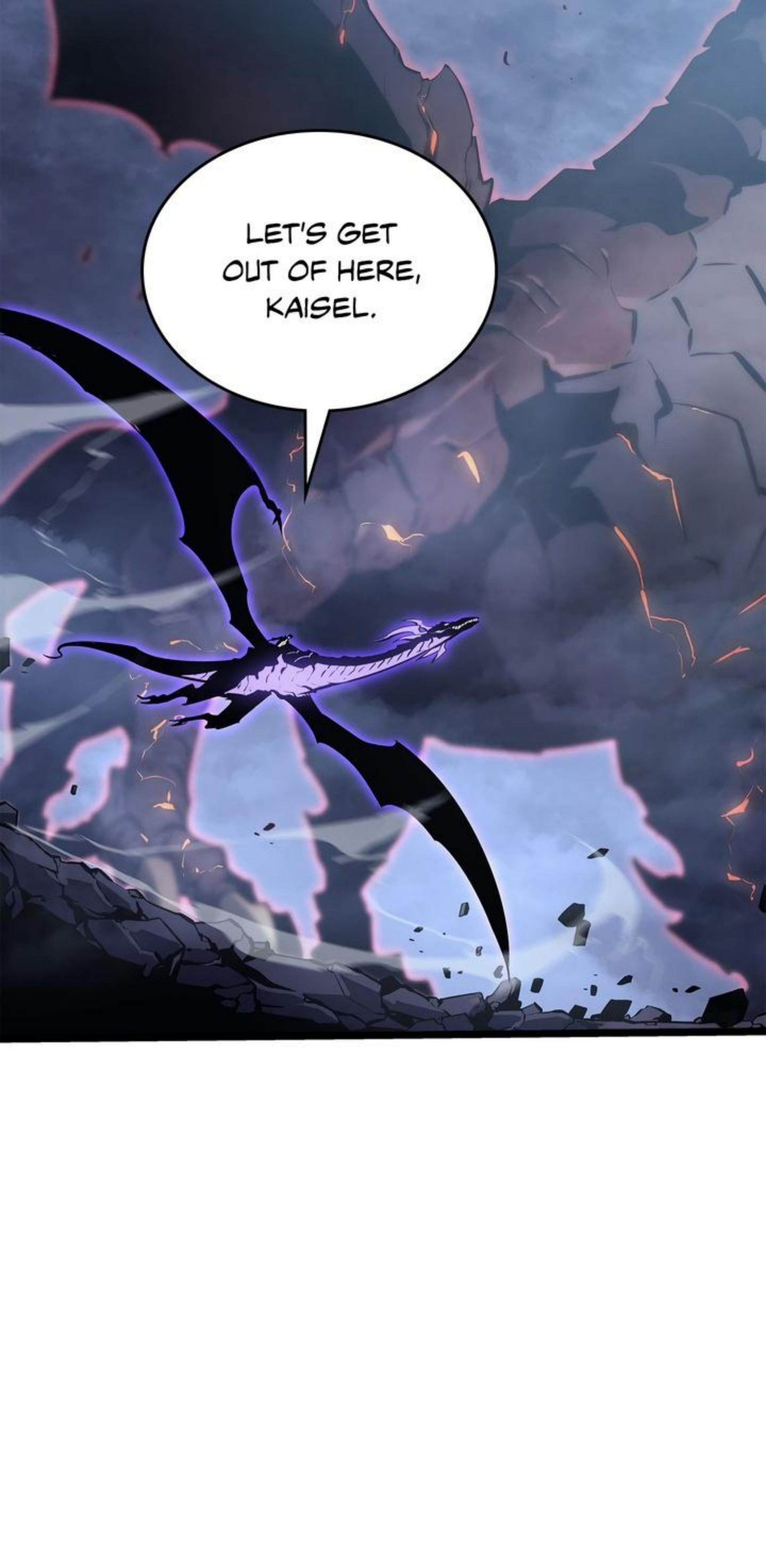




I HAVEN'T
LEFT A SINGLE
SCRATCH ON HIS
BODY.



YOU CAN'T
HARM ME IN THE
SLIGHTEST WITH AN
ATTACK LIKE THAT.

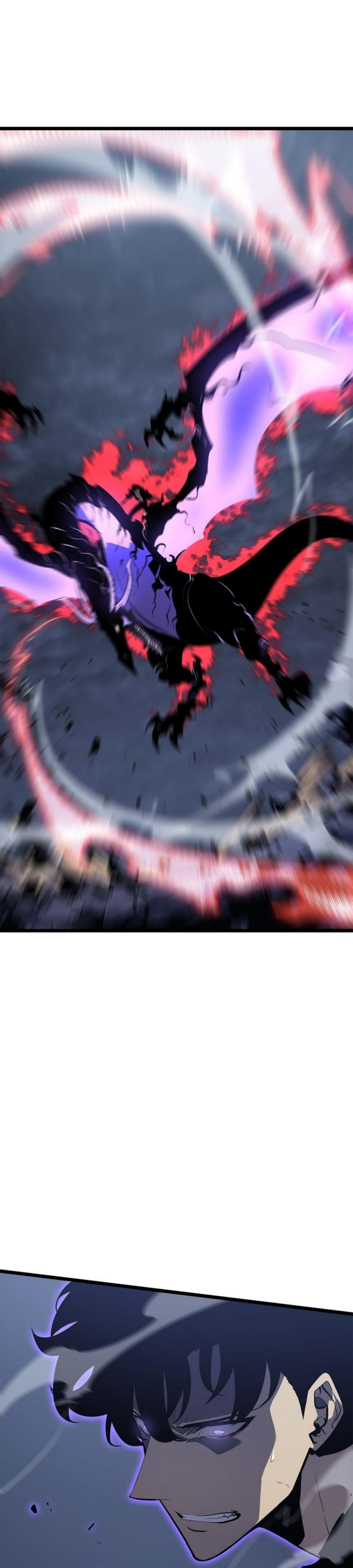


LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE,
KAISEL.

THE DRAGON'S FEARSOME ROAR



ROAR





SWOOSH

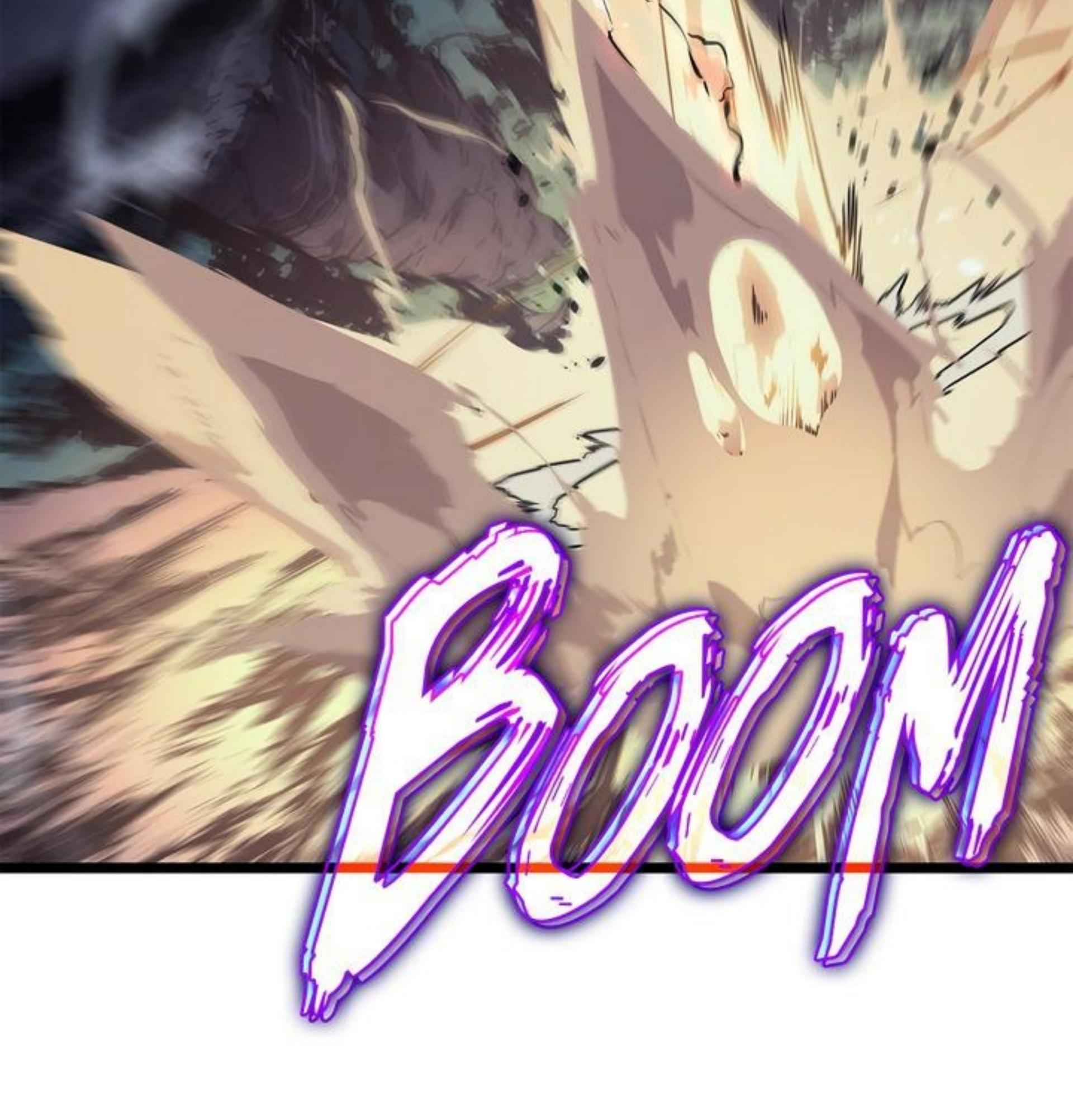
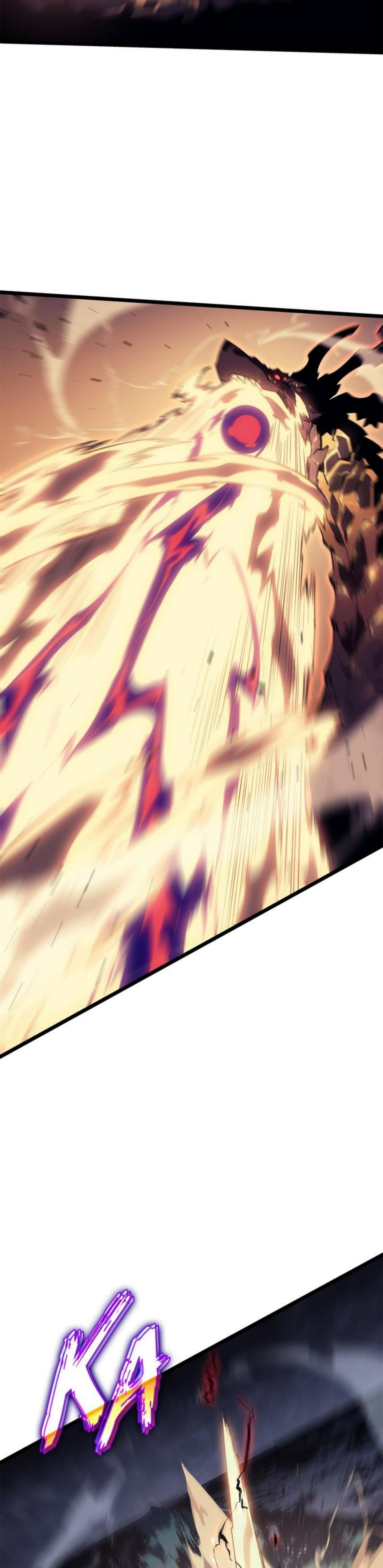


THROW



KAISEL!





FSSHH

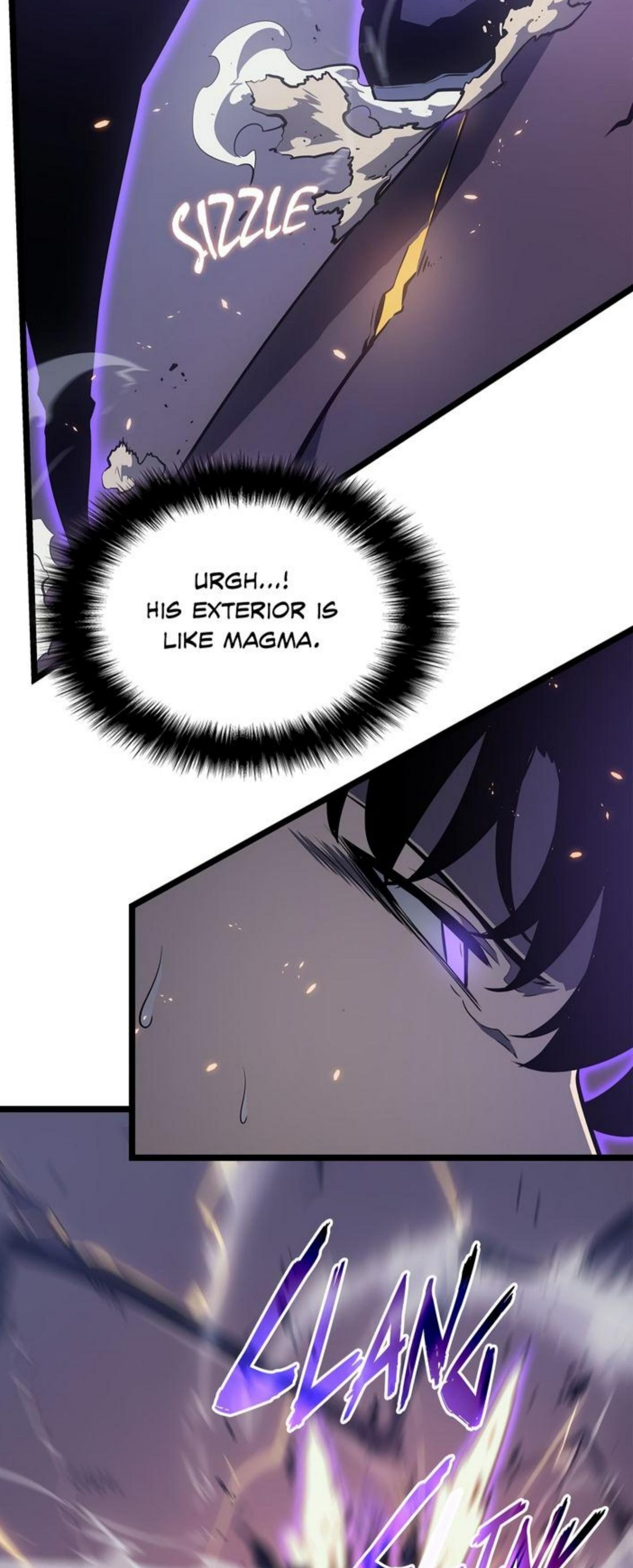
SPLASH

SURELY THAT
WASN'T ENOUGH
TO KILL YOU.

FSSHH

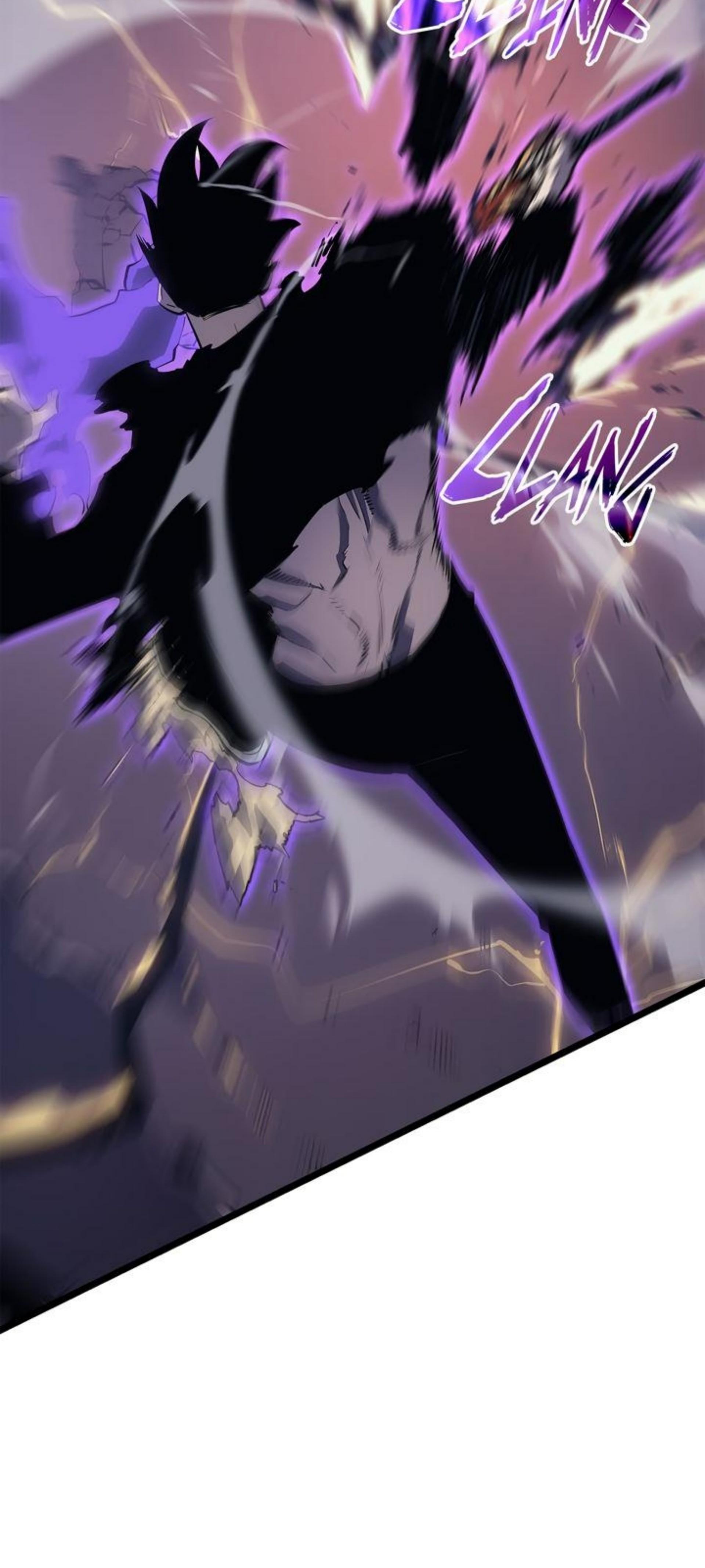
WHOOOSH

TAP



SIZZLE

URGH...!
HIS EXTERIOR IS
LIKE MAGMA.



SLANG

SLANG

SLANG

WHOOSH



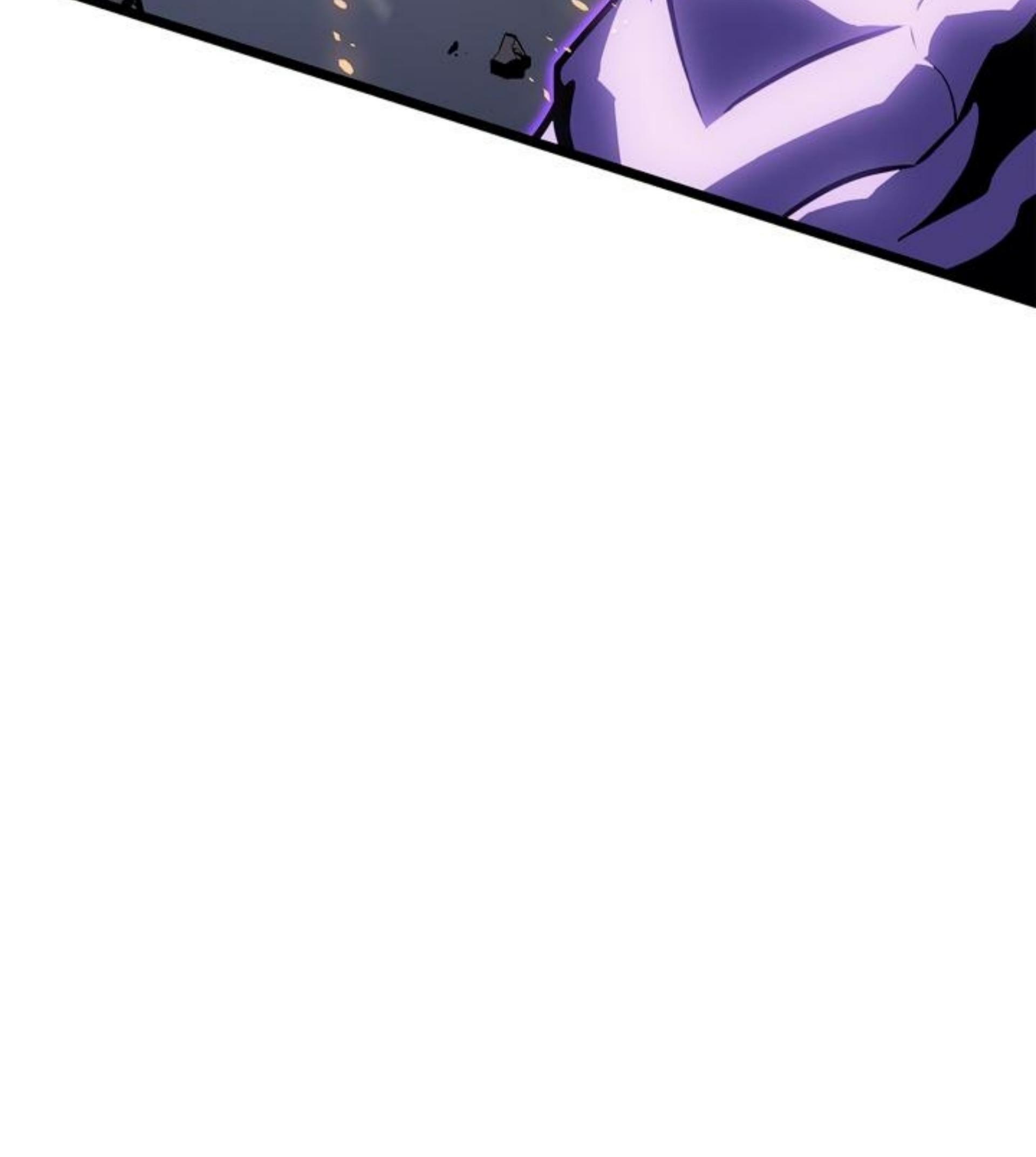
JUMP

SLAM

COME FORTH.

SWOOSH

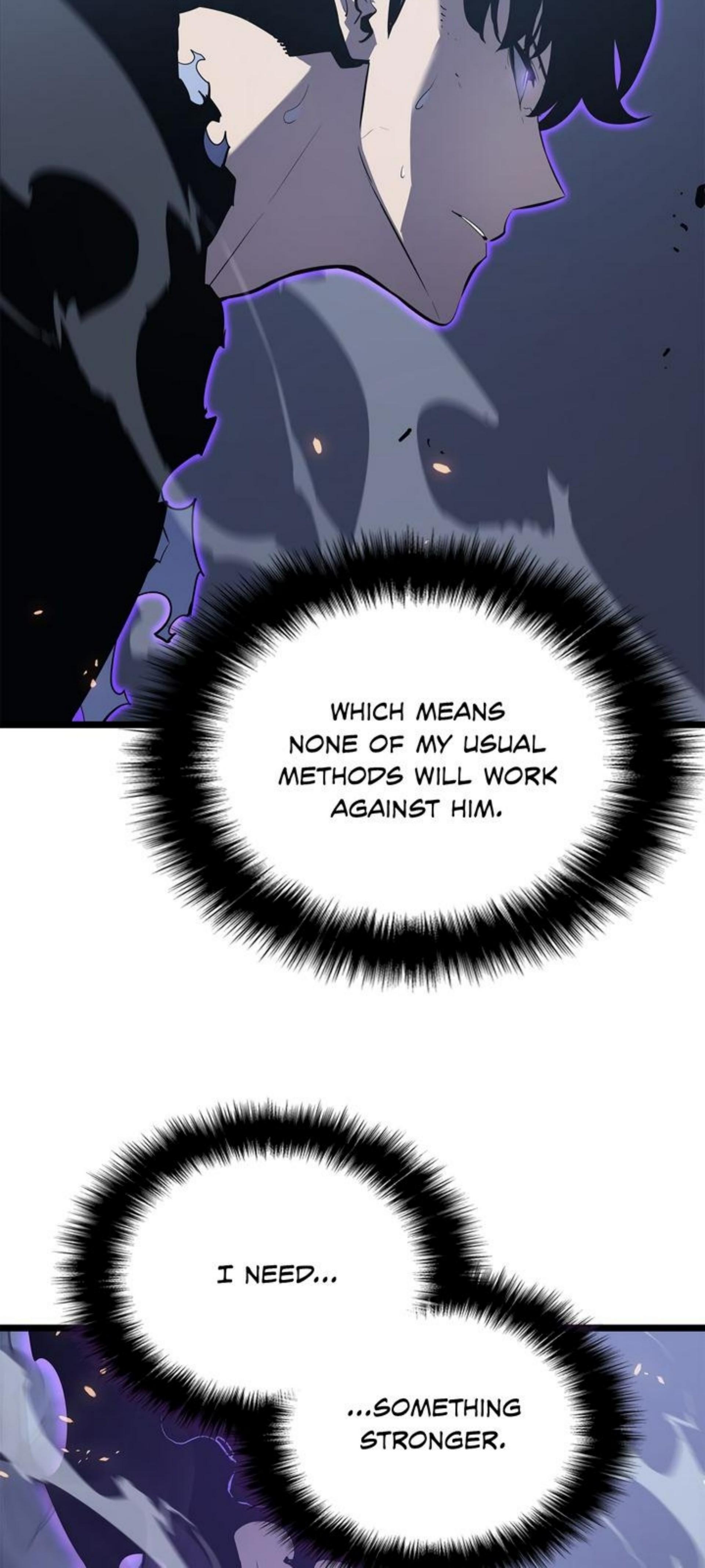








SO NOT EVEN
BELLION'S DRAGONS
CAN BURN HIM WITH
THEIR FIRE BREATH...



THE DRAGON
KING'S ATTACKS AND
DEFENSES ARE MUCH
STRONGER THAN THOSE OF
ANY OTHER OPPONENT
I'VE FACED.

WHICH MEANS
NONE OF MY USUAL
METHODS WILL WORK
AGAINST HIM.

I NEED...

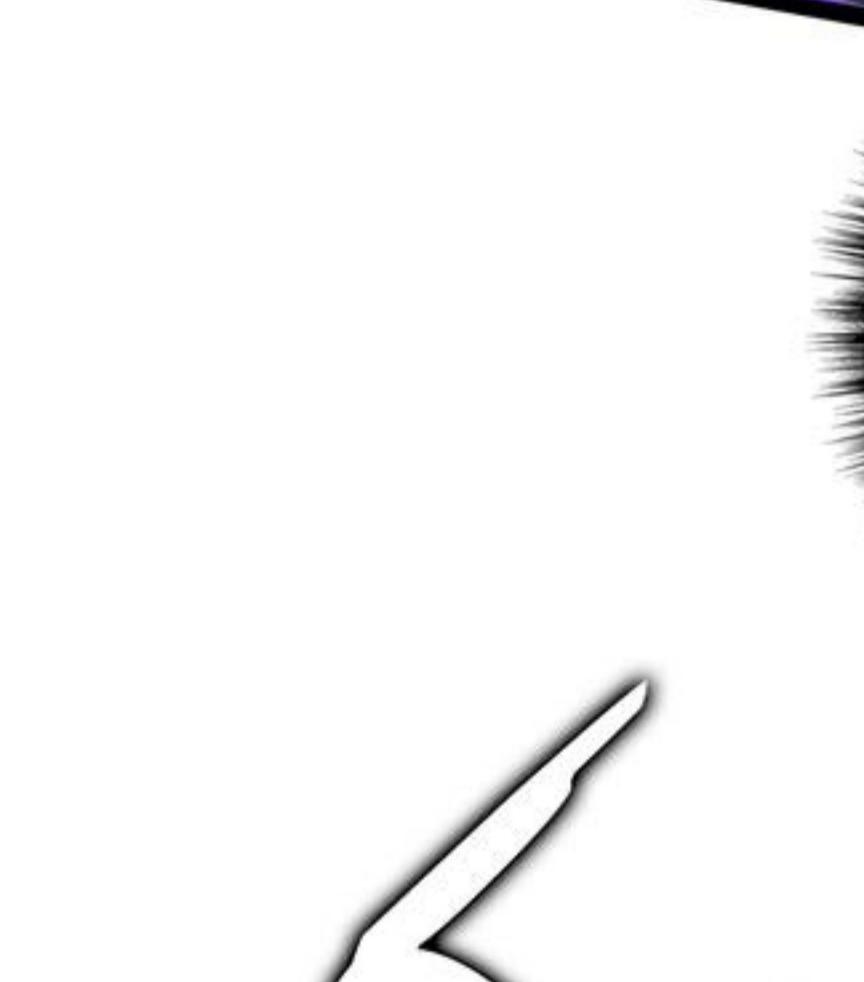
...SOMETHING
STRONGER.



FSSHH



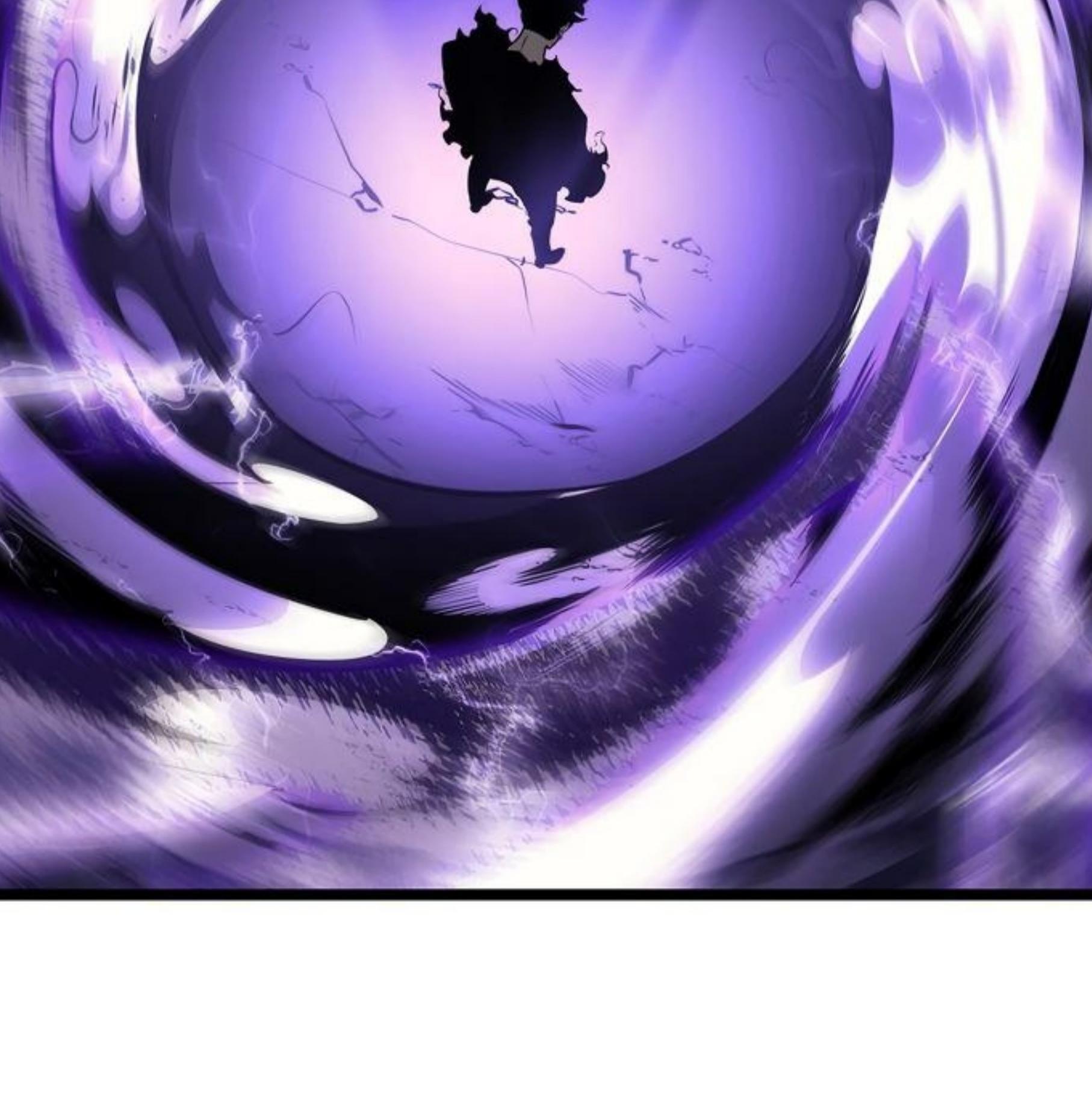
SOMETHING
THAT CAN HELP ME
BREAK THROUGH THAT
IRONCLAD ARMOR WITH
MY BARE HANDS!

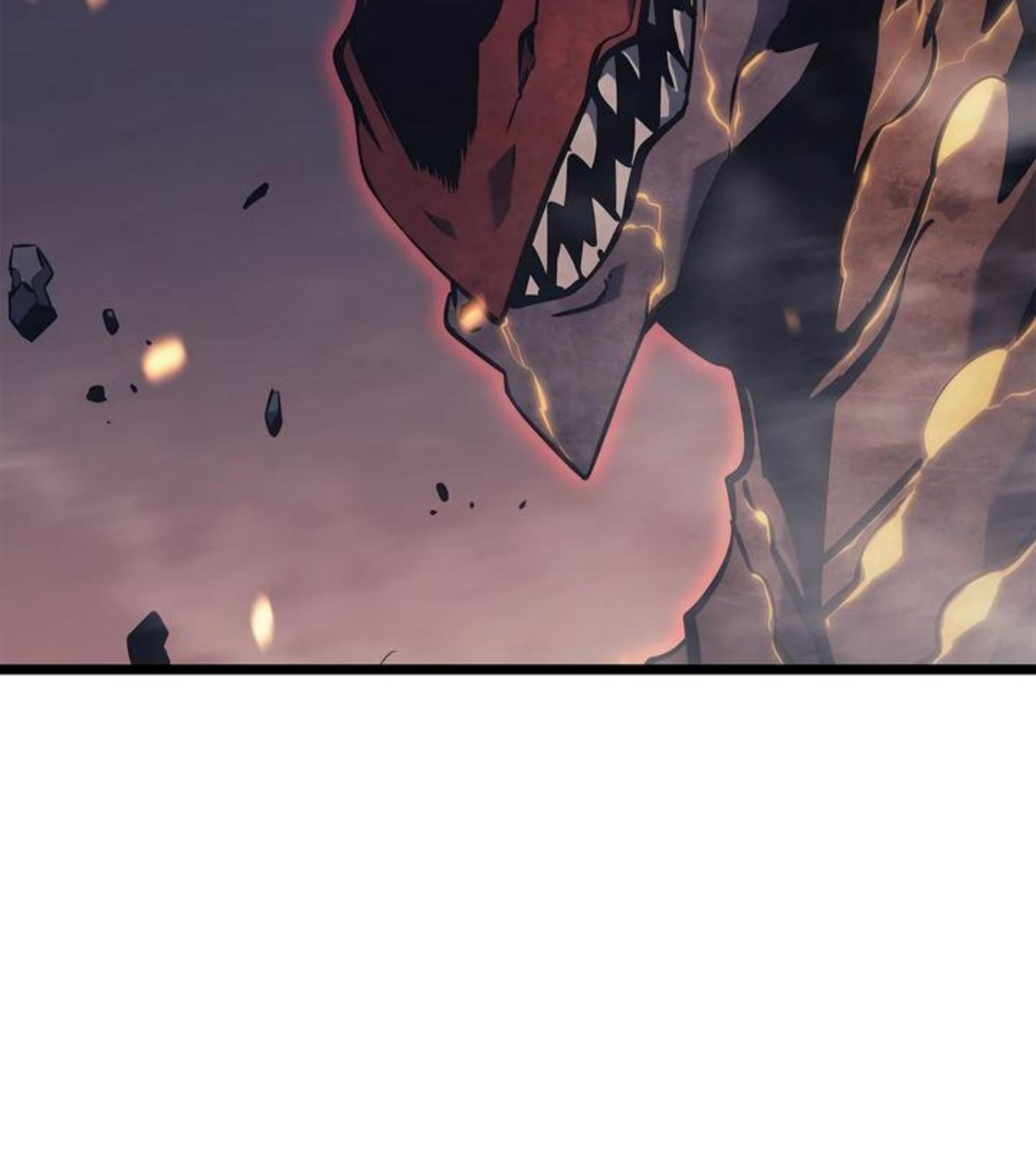


WAIT...



ARMOR?!







WHAT'S THIS?
I CAN FEEL THE
POWER OF DARKNESS
GATHERING AROUND
HIM.

WHAT ARE
YOU SCHEMING
THIS TIME?!

...ARMOR.

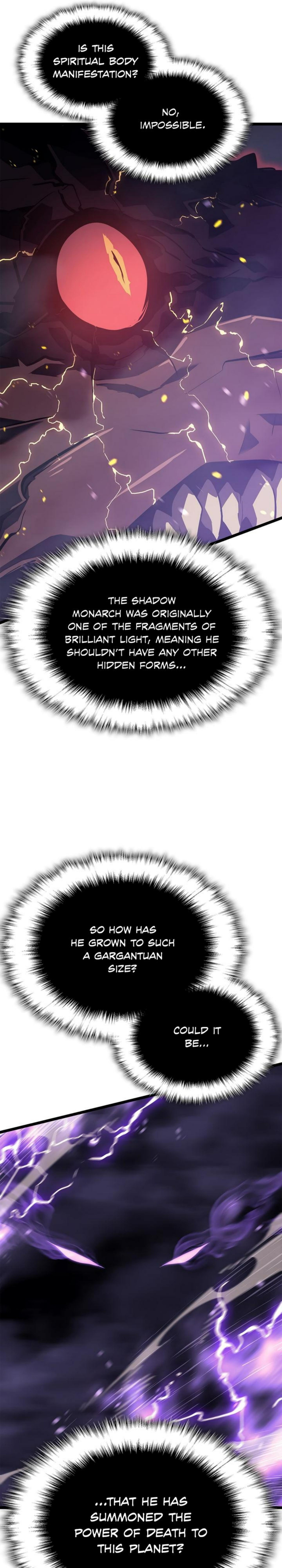
I'LL WRAP MY
BODY WITH
THE POWER OF
DARKNESS...

...AND CREATE
ARMOR THAT IS
MUCH BIGGER...

...AND STRONGER
THAN HIS.

IT'LL BE SO MASSIVE
THAT EVERY LIVING THING
ON THIS PLANET, INCLUDING
MYSELF, WILL SEEM TINY
IN COMPARISON.





IS THIS
SPIRITUAL BODY
MANIFESTATION?

NO,
IMPOSSIBLE.

THE SHADOW
MONARCH WAS ORIGINALLY
ONE OF THE FRAGMENTS OF
BRILLIANT LIGHT, MEANING HE
SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER
HIDDEN FORMS...

SO HOW HAS
HE GROWN TO SUCH
A GARGANTUAN
SIZE?

COULD IT
BE...

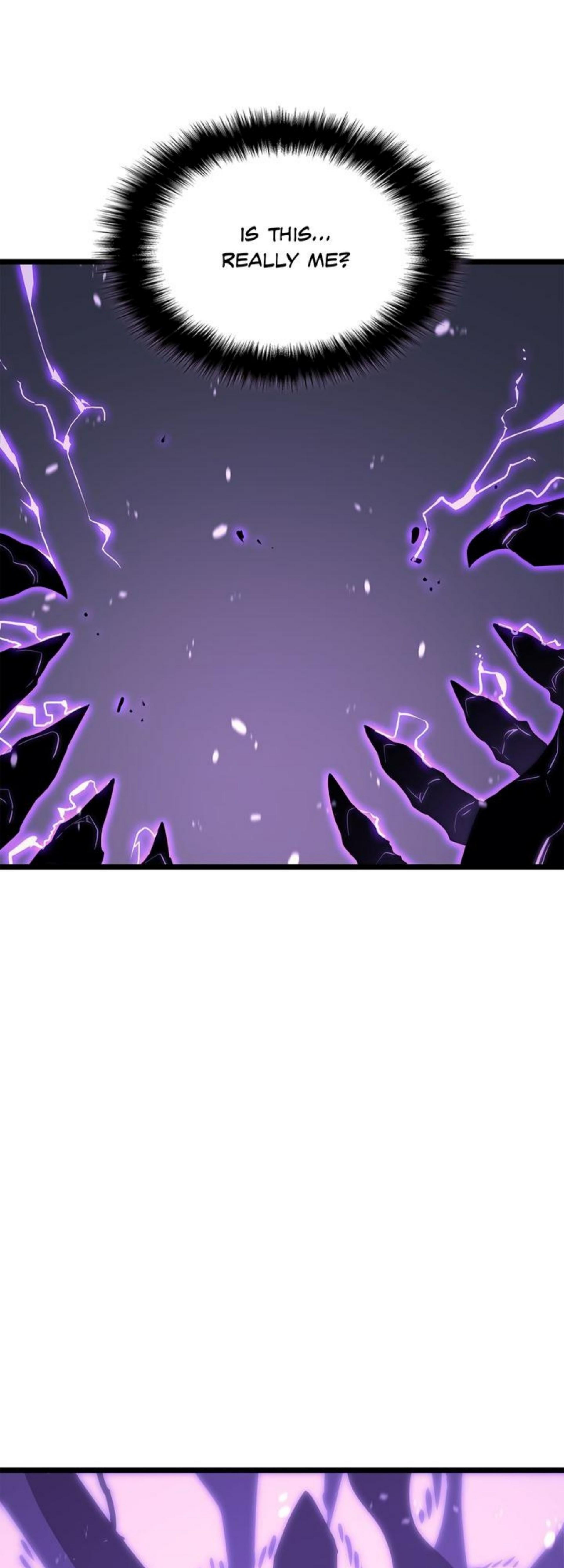
...THAT HE HAS
SUMMONED THE
POWER OF DEATH TO
THIS PLANET?



HOW COULD
SOMEONE WHO WAS
JUST A NORMAL
HUMAN BEING UNTIL
RECENTLY...



...WIELD
THE POWER OF
DEATH TO THIS
EXTENT?



IS THIS...
REALLY ME?



THIS MUST BE
THE TRUE POWER OF
THE SHADOW MONARCH
THAT ASHBORN LEFT
WITH ME...



I CAN FEEL
A TERRIFYING,
BOTTOMLESS
POWER...

...SURGING
ENDLESSLY WITHIN
THIS MASSIVE
FORM.



I SEE.

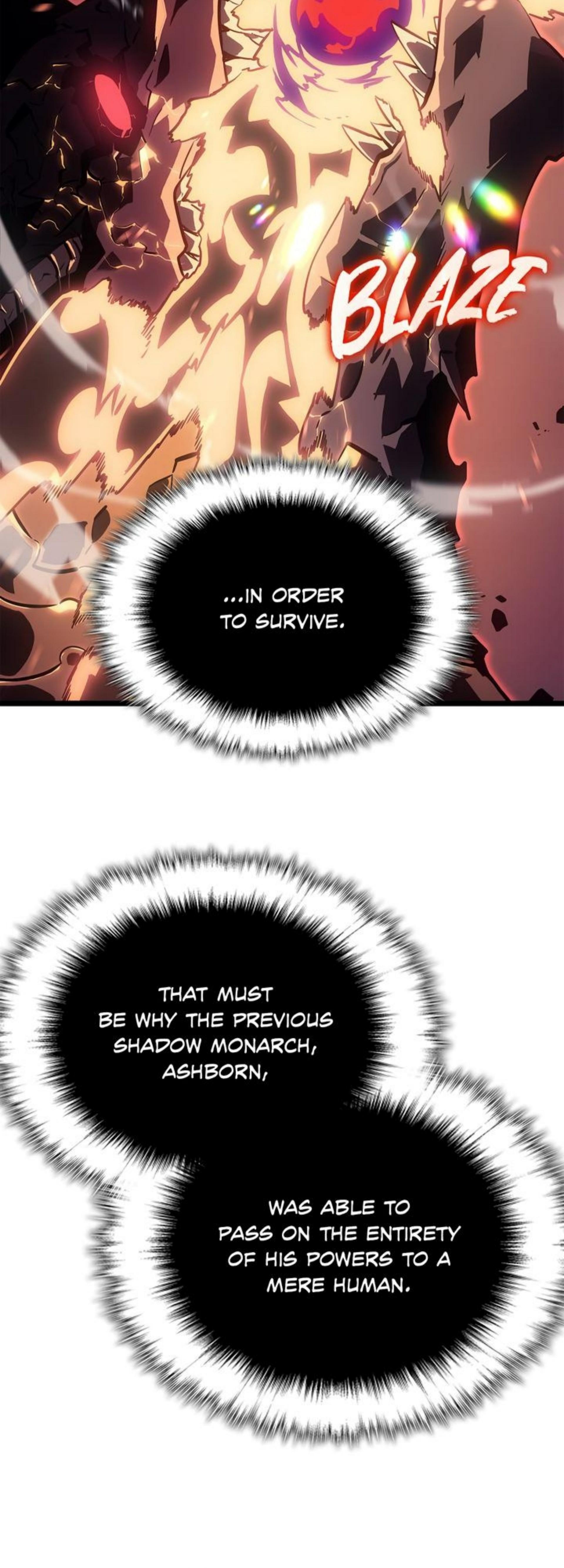


YOU'VE SPENT
QUITE A BIT OF TIME ON
THE BORDER BETWEEN
LIFE AND DEATH.



ALL THIS TIME,
EVEN BEFORE
HE WAS GIVEN HIS
NEW POWERS,

THIS HUMAN
HAS BEEN FIGHTING
A BATTLE ON HIS
OWN...

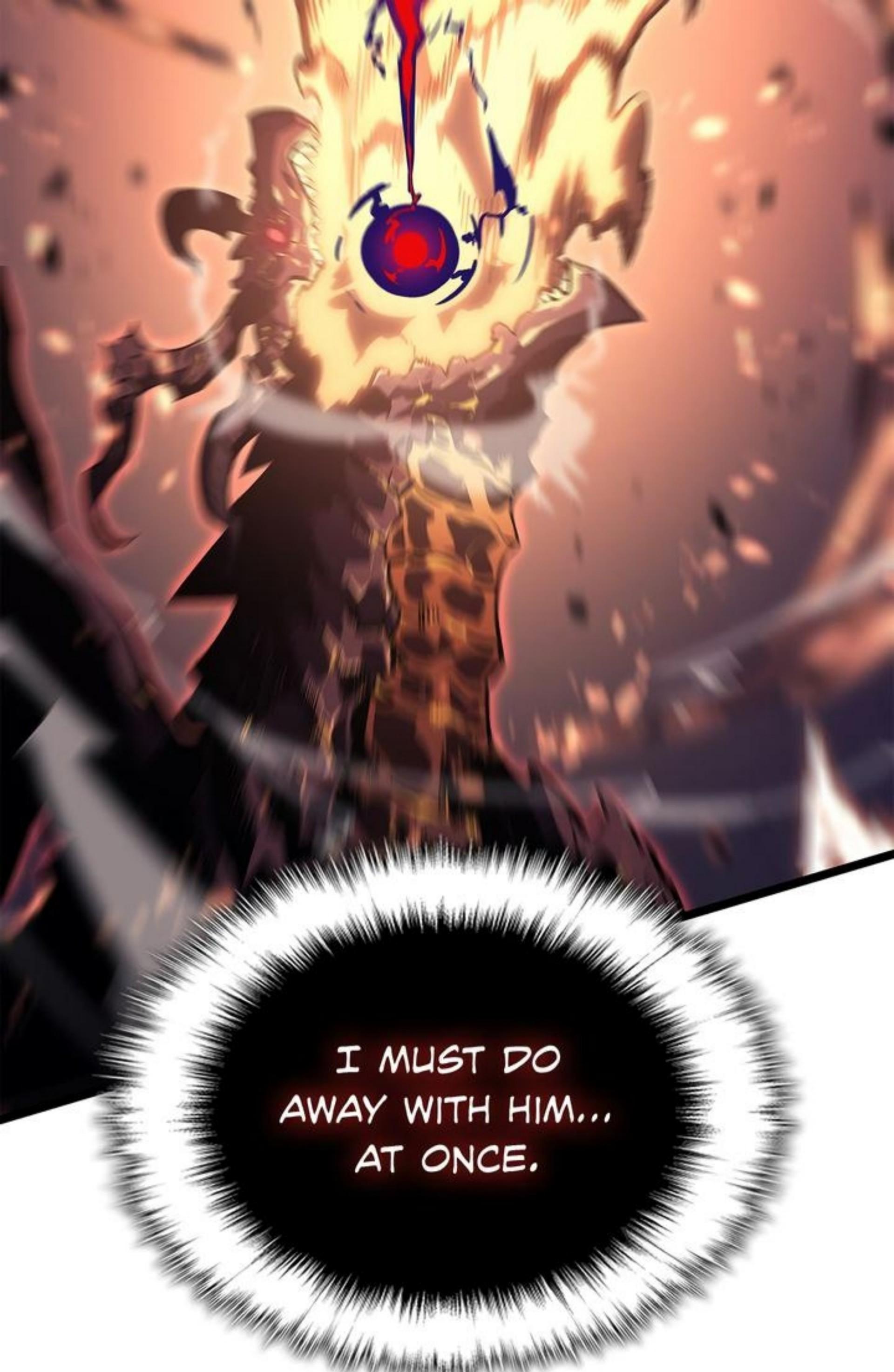


...IN ORDER
TO SURVIVE.

THAT MUST
BE WHY THE PREVIOUS
SHADOW MONARCH,
ASHBORN,

WAS ABLE TO
PASS ON THE ENTIRETY
OF HIS POWERS TO A
MERE HUMAN.

IT'S JUST AS I
THOUGHT. HE'S MUCH
TOO DANGEROUS.



I MUST DO
AWAY WITH HIM...
AT ONCE.



**FIRE
IN
THE
HOLE**

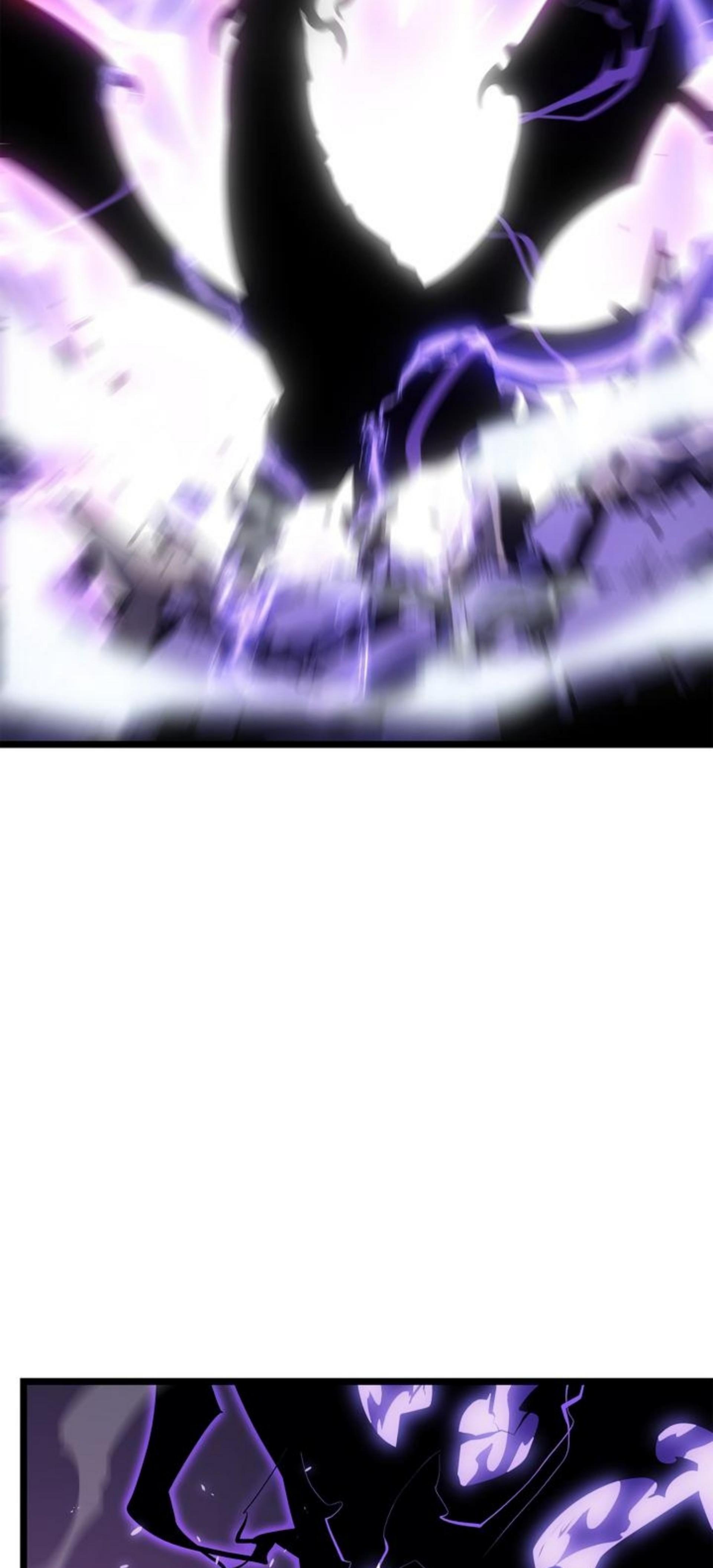
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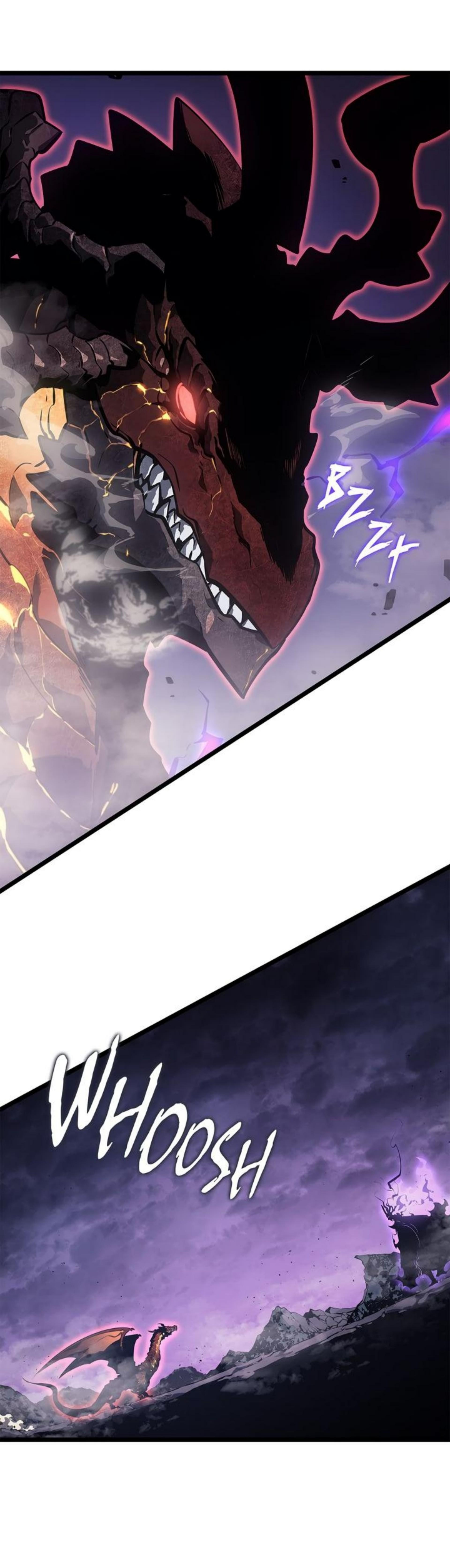
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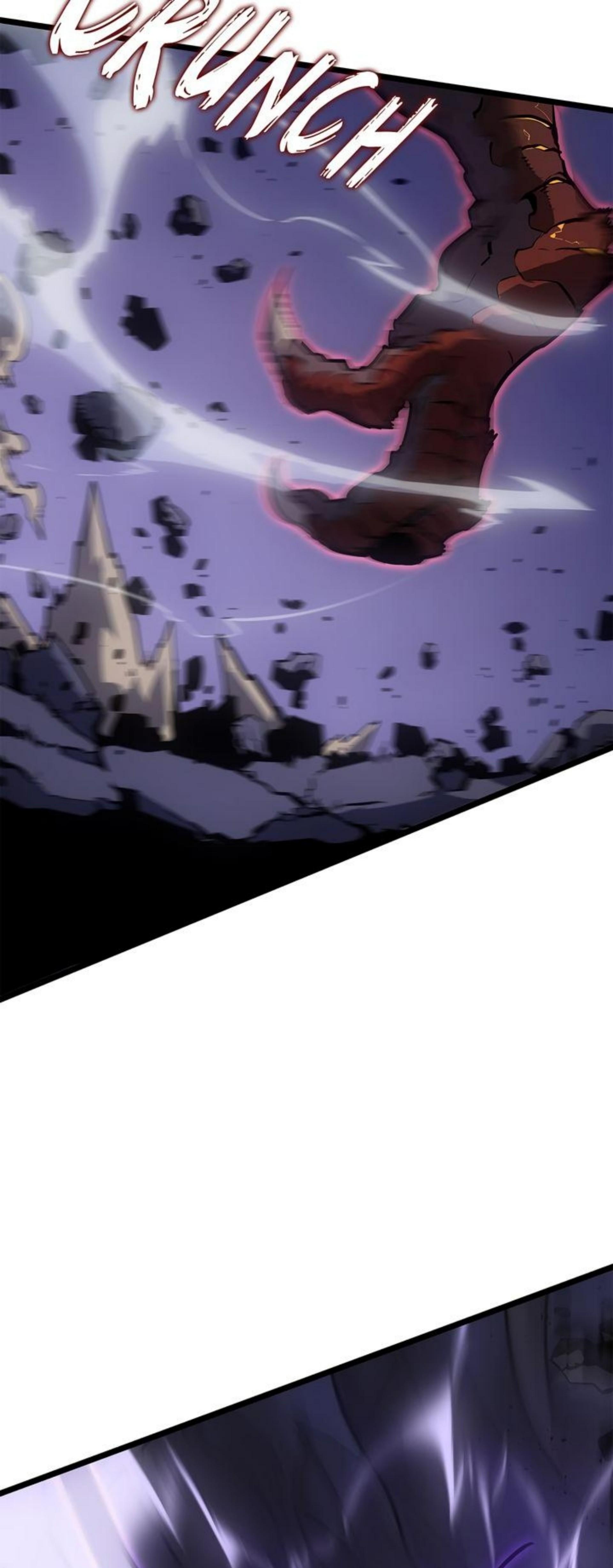
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CRUNCH



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